

# Weekly One-Liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 22-30th November 2021

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth week** (22-30th) of **November** 2021. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. According to the SBI Ecowrap report of Economic Research Department of State Bank of India (SBI) what will the GDP growth rate of the Indian Economy during the fiscal year 2021-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **9.3%-9.6%**.  
**Note:**
  - Earlier, this was estimated in the range of 8.5% to 9%.
  - Reason for the upward revision is decline in the number of COVID cases.
2. The Central Board of Trustees (CBT), the apex decision-making body of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) approved what percent of the annual deposits to invest in alternative investments including infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) \_\_\_\_\_ **5 per cent**.  
**Note:**
  - Central board of trustees of EPFO has given in- principle approvals to invest in public sector invits and bonds, though on a case-to-case basis, to be decided by Finance Investment and Audit Committee (FIAC).
3. Which bank has launched an online platform called as 'Trade Emerge' for Indian exporters and importers to offer them digital banking and value-added services \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Through this platform, cross-border trade will become hassle-free, expeditious and convenient
  - This is due to an array of services offered in one place, facilitating companies to coordinate with multiple touchpoints.
4. Which Bank has been named the world's most important bank to the health of the wider financial system, according to the latest annual ranking of top lenders released by the Financial Stability Board (FSB), made up of regulators from G20 countries \_\_\_\_\_ **JPMorgan Chase**.  
**Note:**
  - The Financial Stability Board (FSB), made up of regulators from G20 countries, published its latest table of the world's 30 most systemic banks
  - Last year JPMorgan shared the highest bucket with HSBC and Citigroup, but is now alone in the next bucket up, which had been empty.
5. With which bank, the Andhra Pradesh state govt and the Union govt have signed a legal agreements for \$250 million (Rs 1,860 crore) loan for Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project, which aims to improve the quality of learning for over 50 lakh students in the State \_\_\_\_\_ **World Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The project aims to cover 40 lakh students between the ages of six and fourteen in over 45,000 government schools, over 10 lakh children between the ages of three and six enrolled in Anganwadis, about 1,90,000 teachers, and more than 50,000 Anganwadi workers.
6. With which intergovernmental financial institution, the Government of India has signed a \$300 million loan to strengthen and improve access to comprehensive primary health care in urban areas \_\_\_\_\_ **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The programme supports the Government of India's key health initiatives - Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) and Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY) - which has been renamed as Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) - by expanding availability and access to quality primary health care services particularly for vulnerable populations in urban areas.
7. Which becomes the first power company to go live on 'ClickPay', the newly launched platform launched by NPCI Bharat BillPay \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Power**.

**Note:**

- Bharat BillPay's marquee offering - ClickPay will enable Tata Power customers to make monthly electricity bill payments with ease.
- To offer an automated and valuable electricity bill payments experience, Tata Power will generate the ClickPay link and share it with customers which will redirect them to the payment page comprising payment details.

8. Equitas Small Finance Bank has partnered with which bank to launch a co-branded credit card \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank.**

**Note:**

- The credit cards will be available for Equitas Small Finance Bank's customers, with an aim to provide them with the facilities of the banking ecosystem.
- The credit card can be availed in two categories.
- The first category is the 'Excite Credit Card' which offers a credit limit from ₹25,000 to ₹2 lakh and the second category is the 'Elegance Credit Card' which offers credit limit of over ₹2 lakh.

9. Which financial company has partnered with API Holdings through its digital platform Retailio to provide financing solutions to consumers, retailers and merchants in the API Holdings' healthcare ecosystem \_\_\_\_\_ **Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited.**

**Note:**

- Retailio is the country's largest digital B2B healthcare platform.
- Under this partnership, PCHFL has earmarked an initial amount of ₹100 crore for disbursement by March 2022.

10. According to a recent Sequoia India and Boston Consulting Group report, the mobile gaming market in India is estimated to become a \$5 billion market by \_\_\_\_\_ **2025.**

**Note:**

- The rise in adoption of smartphones, wider internet access, and a better selection of mobile-first games along with the rise of gaming streamers and influencers is said to have catalysed gaming in India.
- There are now over 300 million gamers in India and revenue across all gaming devices reached \$1.8 billion in 2020, up 500 per cent from 2016.

11. Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) has entered into a co-lending agreement with which bank to offer loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across 100-plus touch points pan-India \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- CGCL emphasised that the co-lending agreement aims to enhance last-mile credit and drive financial inclusion to MSMEs by offering secured loans between ₹10 lakhs to ₹1 crore.
- The co-lending arrangement will entail joint contribution of credit to prospective MSME customers in Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets.

12. Which public sector bank's financial arm has partnered with OneCard, to launch a co-branded mobile-first credit card \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda.**

**Note:**

- The virtual credit card, powered by a mobile app, will be delivered in under three minutes and the metal card will be delivered in three to five days.
- The internationally valid credit card will be issued by BFSL and managed by OneCard on VISA's Signature platform.

13. Which bank has inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Puducherry Cooperative Milk Producers Union (PONLAIT) to provide loan to individual dairy farmers \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- The loan would be given under SAFAL (simple and fast agriculture loan) scheme of the bank. The amount of loan is up to a limit of Rs 3 lakh.
- This was the first MoU signed in the Chennai circle of the bank which plans to enter into such agreements with commercial dairies throughout the country to finance farmers supplying milk to the dairies.

14. Which general insurance company has announced its partnership with deep-tech startup TropoGo for the distribution of a drone Insurance product \_\_\_\_\_ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.**

**Note:**

- The drone insurance product will cover damage to the Drone and Payload it carries, Third Party Liability along with additional covers for BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) Endorsement and Night Flying Endorsement.
- Drone owners and drone manufacturing companies can avail an annual third-party and comprehensive coverage for accidental damage, theft, and disappearance.

15. Which bank announced its collaboration with Amazon Pay and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer customers an instant real-time payment system through a UPI transaction facility \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes Bank.**

**Note:**

- The integration enables Amazon Pay to issue UPI IDs with the @yapl handle, allowing customers to make secure, fast, and convenient payments.
- Based on a multi-bank model, this collaboration allows Yes Bank to acquire merchants through the Amazon Pay platform, further extending the lender's presence in the UPI merchant business segment.

16. According to Moody's what will the India's GDP growth in fiscal year 2021-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **9.3%**.

**Note:**

- India recently hit record Covid-19 vaccination rates. Moody's notes that the vaccination drive in India has gathered pace after the second wave.
- In the report, Moody's said credit fundamentals are favorable for India's companies on a sustained economic recovery and earnings of rated companies' will rise on strong consumer demand and high commodity prices.

17. Which is the new base year on which Ministry of Labour released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) \_\_\_\_\_ **2016**.

**Note:**

- New series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) from July 2016 to July 2020 based on the new series 2016=100 has been released by the government.
- Total of 37 industries have been covered in the new WRI basket (2016=100) as against 21 industries in the 1963-65=100 series.

18. Which bank has committed has loans worth \$100 million for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines \_\_\_\_\_

**Exim Bank.**

**Note:**

- These loans are being extended to about half a dozen drug makers in the country.
- The loans for vaccines are also being extended to other countries.
- The bank expects a credit growth of 10% this year.

19. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has accepted the recommendation of the Internal Working Group constituted under Prasanna Kumar Mohanty to raise the cap on promoters' stake in private banks from the current 15 % to what percent in 15 years \_\_\_\_\_ **26%**.

**Note:**

- There is no need to fix any cap on the promoters' holding in the initial 5 years.
- The promoters are allowed to choose to bring down the holding to below 26 percent, any time after the 5 year lock-in period.

20. Which bank has launched India's first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic \_\_\_\_\_ **HSBS**.

**Note:**

- The cards are issued in partnership with IDEMIA and will help gradually eliminate single-use PVC plastic.
- This initiative has initially been rolled out for HSBC Cashback Credit Card and will be gradually extended to all card variants.

21. Which small finance bank has announced the latest "Go Green" range of electric vehicle loan schemes \_\_\_\_\_ **ESAF**

**Small Finance Bank.**

**Note:**

- ESAF Go green loans validate bank's social business strategy seeking a triple bottom line impact; people; planet; and prosperity.
- ESAF SFB caters to more than 46 lakhs customers through its 550 banking outlets across 21 States and two UTs.

22. Which white-label ATM operators (WLAOs) has crossed a milestone of deploying 10,000-white-label ATMs, making it the largest player in the segment \_\_\_\_\_ **India1 Payments**.

**Note:**

- The company has installed these machines mostly in semi urban and rural areas across 14 states and union territories, and this milestone makes India1 ATM the second largest white label ATM (WLA) brand in the semi-urban and rural areas.
- India1ATM services over 72 million customer transactions and facilitates a gross transaction value of over Rs 13,600 crore every quarter on an average. It began operations in 2014 and since then it has installed more than a third of the WLAs.

23. After Air India in a second major disinvestment, the central government has approved the 100 percent strategic disinvestment of which central public sector company \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Electronics Limited**.

**Note:**

- This is the second privatisation this fiscal year, after Air India.

- The winning bidder offered over ₹210 crore against the reserve price of ₹194 crore.
- This is the second attempt at selling CEL after the process in 2016 did not attract any financial bid.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Robert Bly passed away recently, he was a noted \_\_\_\_\_ **Poet**.

**Note:**

- But Bly found his greatest fame for a work of prose called, Iron John: A Book About Men.
- His meditation on modern masculinity was released in 1990, and spent more than two years on the New York Times bestseller list.

2. Renowned personality Chun Doo-hwan passed away recently he was former president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **South Korea**.

**Note:**

- He was a South Korean politician, who was also a former army general and led 1979 military coup that sparked massive democracy protests in the country.
- He had served as the fifth president of South Korea from 1980 to 1988.

3. Renowned personality Stephen Sondheim passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Songwriter**.

**Note:**

- He's a recipient of Tony Awards plus a 2008 Special Tony Award for lifetime achievement.
- He also received a Pulitzer Prize ('Sunday in the Park'), and an Academy Award for the song 'Sooner or Later'.

### Important Days

1. To commemorate the birth anniversary of who among the following the National Milk Day is celebrated every year on 26th November \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr Verghese Kurien**.

**Note:**

- This year marks the 100th birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien.
- He was also the brains behind 'Operation Flood,' which led to dairy farming becoming the country's largest self-sustaining industry, as well as the largest rural employment sector.
- Kurien also helped set up the Amul cooperative society in 1946, in Gujarat's Anand, and, in later years, became synonymous with it.

2. The International Maritime Organisation Council has decided to establish an International Day for Women in Maritime to be observed on which date every year \_\_\_\_\_ **18th May**.

**Note:**

- The observance will celebrate women in the industry, promote the recruitment, retention and sustained employment of women in the male- dominated maritime sector.
- It is a welcome move in the sector dominated by male, but many issues need to be addressed to get more women on board the shipping sector.

3. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is celebrated worldwide on \_\_\_\_\_ **25th November**.

**Note:**

- The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to various forms of violence and the true nature of the issue is often hidden.
- This year's theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!".

4. In India, Constitution Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **26th November**.

**Note:**

- In India, 26 November is celebrated as Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.
- The day aims to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread the thoughts and ideas of BR Ambedkar, the father of the Indian constitution.

5. In India, the 'National Organ Donation Day' is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **27th November**.

**Note:**

- The day aims to promote awareness and recognize the selfless contribution made by deceased donors to healthcare and mankind re-instill our faith in humanity.

- 2021 marks the 12th National Organ Donation Day. It is organised by the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
6. The United Nations observes the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People on which date every year **29th November**.

**Note:**

- The UN traditionally celebrates the day by undertaking its annual debate on the question of Palestine.
  - The day is being observed since 1978.
  - The UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres called upon the international community to reaffirm its commitment to the people of Palestine in building their future.
7. The UN Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is held every year on **30th November**.

**Note:**

- The day marks a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons, thereby promoting the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.

### New Appointments

1. Magdalena Andersson becomes first female prime minister of which country **Sweden**.

**Note:**

- Magdalena Andersson has been reappointed Prime Minister, less than a week after she resigned within hours of taking the job.
  - Earlier, Magdalena Andersson, leader of the centre-left Social Democratic Party, became the country's first female prime minister following the elections and her historic term lasted about seven hours.
2. Who has been elected as a delegate for Asia on the executive committee of the Interpol **Praveen Sinha**.

**Note:**

- The elections for various positions for the top panel were held at the ongoing 89th Interpol General Assembly in Istanbul.
  - It has 13 members, including the president and three vice presidents, apart from nine delegates. All members come from different countries to keep the geographic balance.
  - Among the delegates, Sinha will sit with representatives from Sudan, Argentina, China, USA, UK, Kenya, Spain and Turkey.
3. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) **Vivek Johri**.

**Note:**

- He is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) officer and is currently working as the member in CBIC
  - He succeeded M Ajit Kumar, who will complete his tenure on 30th September 2021
4. Who has been appointed as the prime minister of the Czech Republic **Petr Fiala**.

**Note:**

- Fiala leads a center-right coalition and was able to oust the outgoing populist Prime Minister Andrej Babis with the support of several left-wing parties.
  - Czech Republic is also known as Czechia and was formerly known as Bohemia.
5. Who has been appointed as Administrator of the Reliance Capital Ltd (RCL) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after superseding its board of directors **Nageswar Rao Y**.

**Note:**

- The central bank has appointed Nageswar Rao Y, former Executive Director, Bank of Maharashtra, as the Administrator of the company under Section 45-IE (2) of the RBI Act.
  - The Reserve Bank will shortly initiate the process of resolution of the company under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Rules, 2019.
6. Magdalena Andersson has been reappointed Prime Minister of which country, less than a week after she resigned within hours of taking the job **Sweden**.

**Note:**

- Earlier, Magdalena Andersson, leader of the centre-left Social Democratic Party, became the country's first female prime minister following the elections and her historic term lasted about seven hours.
- Earlier, Social Democrats have been in power since 2014 supported by parties united by little else than their desire to keep the Sweden Democrats from influencing policy.

7. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ **Parag Agrawal.**

**Note:**

- He succeeded Twitter's co-founder Jack Dorsey, who will continue to serve on the board of Twitter until his term expires in 2022 to help with the transition, before moving on.
- Parag Agrawal is an IIT alumnus and joined Twitter in 2011 and became the CTO in 2017.

### Important News – India

1. Students of which standard are the target audience for the India's Virtual Lab platform launched by Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh \_\_\_\_\_ **Standard 6th to 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Note:**

- The main aim of the Virtual Lab is to provide quality research exposure and innovative pedagogy for school students based on an online interactive medium.
  - The new facility will immensely benefit students from Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Government Schools and will help in catching them young.
2. Which organization will organize its flagship event titled 'Connect 2021', a international conference and exhibition on information & communication technology (ICT) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu \_\_\_\_\_ **CII.**

**Note:**

- It will be held from 26th to 27th November
  - Theme: Building a Sustainable Deep T'ech'N'ology Ecosystem.
3. Which city plans to build the world's first "Bitcoin City", funded initially by bitcoin-backed bonds \_\_\_\_\_ **El Salvador.**

**Note:**

- This new city is planned to be developed in the eastern region of La Union and will be initially funded by bitcoin-backed bonds.
  - Bitcoin City will not levy any taxes except for value added tax (VAT).
4. Which city tops the list of cities scoring highest on urban 2021 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) index released by the NITI Aayog \_\_\_\_\_ **Shimla.**

**Note:**

- Coimbatore and Chandigarh were at second and third position in the ranking of urban SDG index.
  - Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Panaji, Pune, Tiruchirapalli, Ahmedabad and Nagpur are among the list of top 10 cities.
5. With which entity the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has collaborated to drive synergies between AIM's Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and unique interactivity platform of that entity, Engage With Science (EWS) \_\_\_\_\_ **Vigyan Prasar.**

**Note:**

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has collaborated with Vigyan Prasar to drive synergies between AIM's Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and Vigyan Prasar's unique interactivity platform, Engage With Science (EWS).
  - Engage with Science: It will onboard all 9200+ ATL-enabled schools and engage their students, teachers and Principals in perennial activities
6. Name the theme-based tourist circuit trains that was announced by the Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw to tap the vast tourism potential of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharat Gaurav Trains.**

**Note:**

- Service Provider will be free to decide theme like Guru Kripa trains for covering important places of Sikh culture, Ramayana trains for places connected with Lord Shri Ram etc.
  - Service Provider will offer all-inclusive package to tourist including rail travel, hotel accommodation, sightseeing arrangement, visit to historical/heritage sites, tour guides etc.
7. In November 2021, the 1st International Conference on Hydrogen Energy was organized by which entity \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Board of Irrigation and Power.**

**Note:**

- It is being organized by Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) with the support of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Central Electricity Authority and NTPC
  - Aim: to bring all the key stakeholders on the same platform to discuss all facets of Hydrogen Energy in India.
8. PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Noida International Airport in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh, with this Uttar Pradesh is poised to become the only state in India to have how many international airports \_\_\_\_\_ **five.**

**Note:**

- Development of this airport is in line with the vision of the Prime Minister towards boosting connectivity and creating a future-ready aviation sector.
  - Uttar Pradesh is poised to become the only state in India to have five international airports.
9. Which IIT hosted the 5th World Congress on Disaster Management on the overarching theme of “Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the Contexts of Covid-19” \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The World Congress on Disaster Management is an initiative of Disaster Management Initiatives and Convergence Society (DMICS) to bring researchers, policy makers and practitioners from around the world on the same platform to discuss various challenging issues of disaster risk management.
  - WCDM aims to promote interaction of science, policy and practices to enhance understanding of risks and advance actions for reducing risks and building resilience to disasters.
10. Who led the Indian delegation in the 13th edition of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit held virtually \_\_\_\_\_ **M Venkaiah Naidu**.

**Note:**

- The ASEM or Asia-Europe Meeting is a platform for the countries in Asia and Europe to exchange views on regional and global issues and strengthen cooperation in a wide range of areas.
  - The grouping comprises 51 member countries and two regional organisations — the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
11. Which brand has emerged as the most purposeful brands in the technology category in the 2021 edition of Kantar’s annual BrandZ India report \_\_\_\_\_ **Amazon**.

**Note:**

- The rankings—split into three categories—rated technology, fast moving consumer goods as well as non-tech FMCG brands.
  - While Asian Paints topped the non-FMCG rankings, Samsung and Jio ranked jointly in the second position, followed by MRF, Tata Housing and Airtel.
  - The FMCG category rankings saw Tata Tea top the chart, followed by Surf Excel and Taj Mahal.
12. Who inaugurated the 1st India Internet Governance Forum 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ashwini Vaishnav**.

**Note:**

- Organized by: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).
  - It is centered around the theme ‘Empowering India through Power of Internet’
13. According to the 2021 Global Nutrition Report (GNR, 2021) released by the World Health Organization how much percentage of women in the age group 15-49 years are anaemic \_\_\_\_\_ **53 percent**.

**Note:**

- The country featured among the 161 countries documented in the report as having made no progress or said to be worsening with regards to reducing anaemia.
  - Over half of Indian women in the age group 15-49 years are anaemic, according to the report.
14. As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released by the NITI Aayog which state has emerged as the poorest state in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Bihar**.

**Note:**

- Kerala, Goa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Punjab have registered the lowest poverty across India.
  - The MPI measure uses the methodology developed by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative and the UNDP.
15. Name the Digital Customer Feedback Program launched by Indian Oil, BPCL and HPC to enhance service standards and amenities, across their networks \_\_\_\_\_ **Darpan@petrolpump**.

**Note:**

- Three oil PSU’s have joined hands to launch Model Retail Outlets to enhance service standards and amenities, across their networks.
  - The initiative was inaugurated by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri.
16. The 7th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2021 will be held in \_\_\_\_\_ **Panaji, Goa**.

**Note:**

- It is a 4-day festival, that will be held from 10th to 13th December 2021
- Organized by: Ministry of Earth Sciences, Ministry of Science and Technology, Dept of Atomic Energy, Department of Space and Government of Goa.



### Important News – State

1. Which state was adjudged best performer in inland fisheries in the country by the central government \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telangana.**  
**Note:**
  - Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala announced the awards at a programme to celebrate World Fisheries Day 2021 in Bhubaneswar.
  - Balasore in Odisha was named the best marine district, and Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh received the award for the best district in inland fisheries.
2. Which state was named the best marine state in the country by the Centre \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh.**  
**Note:**
  - Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala announced the awards at a programme to celebrate World Fisheries Day 2021 in Bhubaneswar.
  - Balasore in Odisha was named the best marine district, and Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh received the award for the best district in inland fisheries.
3. Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually laid the foundation stone for the Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum to be constructed in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur.**  
**Note:**
  - The museum is being funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and built at an estimated cost of Rs 15 crore.
  - The Home Minister affirmed that the government of India is dedicated to giving India's Tribal freedom fighters their due respect and rights.
4. Which state government has decided to set up a tax plan for “cow welfare” in the State \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**  
**Note:**
  - It has planned to impose surcharge on services provided by local bodies in order to generate Rs 100 crore for meeting the expenses of running cow shelters in Madhya Pradesh.
  - It also asked that, cow products should be promoted and cow phenyl should be used across Government offices.
5. Which state assembly has passed a bill that will facilitate introduction of green tax on all vehicles, barring motorcycles and autorickshaws \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh.**  
**Note:**
  - The State Assembly has passed the AP Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021 facilitating the introduction of green tax.
  - The amendment was due to Centre's recommendation of green tax to save the environment from carbon emissions by way of making vehicle owners pay for pollution.
6. Which state government has approved the proposal to create cyber tehsils in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**  
**Note:**
  - After this, MP will become the first state in the country to have a cyber tehsil.
  - Cyber Tehsil will make the mutation process easy and people from anywhere in the state can avail of its benefit.
7. GHCL Limited has signed an MoU with which state for investing ₹500 crore in the State \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu.**  
**Note:**
  - As per the MoU, GHCL will set up 40,000 ring spindles in Manaparai, Tiruchirappalli district, to produce synthetic and synthetic blended yarn.
  - GHCL also plans to develop an EHT (extra high tension) power transmission facility in Manaparai to ensure uninterrupted power supply.
8. Which state's tourism department will launch the Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism 'STREET' project to take tourism deep into the state's interiors and rural hinterland \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala.**  
**Note:**
  - Project would help visitors experience the diversity of offerings in these locales.
  - The project, conceived by the Responsible Tourism Mission, is inspired by the 'Tourism for Inclusive Growth' slogan of The United Nations World Tourism Organization.
9. Which state's police has launched 'Call your Cop' mobile App' that will enable all citizens in the state, including those in distress, to get in touch with the police directly, as police will be available easily, with just one click away \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nagaland.**  
**Note:**

- The App will enable all citizens of the state especially those in distress to get in touch directly with the police as easily available with just one click away.
- This initiative is also in keeping with the total modernization of the police department not only in Nagaland but all over the country.

10. India's only certified organic kiwi from which state was launched at a mega National Tribal Festival called Aadi Mahotsav in Dilli Hat, New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- The launching ceremony was held in collaboration with support from Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED).
- This initiative was undertaken as part of the vision with the aim of transforming India into a self-reliant nation under "Atma Nirbharta campaign".

11. Indian Railways is constructing the tallest pier railway bridge of the world in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur.**

**Note:**

- It is being built at a height of 141 metres.
- Currently, tallest pier bridge record is of Mala-Rijeka viaduct built at Montenegro in Europe with 139 metre height.

### **Important News - World**

1. Fifth East Asia Summit (EAS) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation was held in which city of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Kolkata.**

**Note:**

- The two-day event was organized by India in partnership with Australia.
- During the conference, experts from both government and academia from the participating countries will deliberate upon various aspects of maritime security cooperation under four thematic sessions.

2. Urban air mobility (UAM) company BLADE India entered into a partnership with which global company to expand its "on-demand" helicopter services \_\_\_\_\_ **Airbus.**

**Note:**

- The helicopters will be provided to operators by a GIFT-City based leasing company taking advantage of the Centre's new initiative.
- BLADE will be underwriting flight hours through partner operators who have been specifically chosen based on their experience in ensuring the highest level of safety standards, equipment maintenance and operating protocols.

3. Which Intergovernmental body has approved a USD 1.5 billion (around Rs 11,185 crore) loan to India for COVID-19 vaccine procurement \_\_\_\_\_ **Asian Development Bank.**

**Note:**

- The loan from ADB will fund at least 66.7 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses for an estimated 31.7 crore people, it added.
- It will support India's National Deployment and Vaccination Plan which aims to fully vaccinate 94.47 crore people aged 18 years and above, accounting for 68.9 per cent of the population, said the Manila-headquartered agency.
- Priority groups include healthcare and frontline workers, senior citizens, and those aged 45-59 years with comorbidities.

4. Which organization releases Global Nutrition Report every year that sets out progress towards global nutrition targets \_\_\_\_\_ **World Health Organization.**

**Note:**

- Over half of Indian women of 15-49 years are anaemic with increase in number from 52.6% in 2016 to 53% in 2020.
- Over 17% of Indian children under 5 years of age are under the category of child wasting (low weight for height)
- Child Stunting: Over 34% of children under 5 years of age are still affected.

5. Which country announced new commitments worth more than €1.2 billion, or Rs 10,025 crore, to India to support its fight against climate change \_\_\_\_\_ **Germany**.

**Note:**

- The focus of the financial commitment to India will be to tackle climate change and assist in the country's ongoing energy transition.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released earlier this year found that both India and Germany will suffer more extreme events due to climate change.
- Both countries together account for nearly 9 per cent of global greenhouse gas.

6. Maiden 'Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation' is being conducted between the lead Maritime Security Agencies of India, Sri Lanka and which other country \_\_\_\_\_ **Maldives**.

**Note:**

- It is a two day CSC Focused Operation with an aim of keeping this vital part of the Indian Ocean Region safe and secure for commercial shipping, international trade and conduct of legitimate maritime activities.
- It would help build understanding and interoperability between the lead maritime security agencies and facilitate the institution of measures to prevent and suppress transnational crimes in the region.

7. Which country has hosted the 9th Meeting of the BIMSTEC Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhutan**.

**Note:**

- The meeting was attended by BIMSTEC Members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- The meeting discussed emerging traditional and non-traditional security threats in the BIMSTEC region.

8. Which country has become the world's newest republic \_\_\_\_\_ **Barbados**.

**Note:**

- The Caribbean island nation removed Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the state in a ceremony attended by Prince Charles.
- Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, who was selected to become the first president of Barbados last month, took over as the President of the country.

9. Who has won the Best Actor Award at the sixth edition of BRICS Film Festival \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhanush**.

**Note:**

- The 6th BRICS Film Festival was held in India, alongside 52nd IFFI in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2021.
- Best Film: South African film 'Barakat' and Russian film 'The Sun above Me Never Sets'
- Best Actor (Female): Lara Boldorini for On Wheels (Brazil)
- Special Jury Mention Award: Director Yan Han for A Little Red Flower (China)

### **Honor & Awards**

1. Who has been awarded the Vir Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Abhinandan Varthaman**.

**Note:**

- He shot down Pakistani F-16 jet during a dogfight over the Line of Control (LoC) in 2019
- Vir Chakra: India's third highest wartime gallantry award after Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra.

2. The ABU – UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021 was held in which city in which TV and Radio shows produced by Doordarshan and All India Radio respectively got multiple awards \_\_\_\_\_ **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.

**Note:**

- Doordarshan's programme 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way' won an award under 'Living Well with Super Diversity' category, while All India Radio's programme 'Living on the edge – The coastal lives' won another award in the category of 'Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature'.

- The awards were given by UNESCO in collaboration with Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) under 'Together for Peace' (T4P) initiative.

3. Who has won the Tata Literature Live! award for his book Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tamal Bandyopadhyay.**

**Note:**

- Published by Roli Books, Pandemonium was selected under the business book of the year category.
- Bandopadhyay, who writes the Banker's Trust column, had earlier received an award at Kalinga Literary Festival for Pandemonium — touted as a definitive insider story on the rot in India's banking system.

4. Which of the following has won the International Emmy Awards 2021 for Drama series \_\_\_\_\_ **Tehran.**

**Note:**

- The 49th edition of International Emmy Awards has been held in New York City to recognize excellence in television programs produced and aired originally outside the U.S., and non-English language US primetime program.
- Best Actor: David Tennant for Des (UK)
- Best Actress: Hayley Squires for Adult Material (UK)
- Best Drama Series: Tehran (Israel)
- Best Comedy Series: Call My Agent Season 4 (France)
- Best Documentary: Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice (Thailand)
- Best Telenovela: The Song Of Glory (China)
- Best TV Movie / Mini-Series: Atlantic Crossing (Norway)
- Best Arts Programming: Kubrick By Kubrick (France)
- Best Short-Form Series: INSiDE (New Zealand)
- Best Non-Scripted Entertainment: The Masked Singer (UK)
- Best Non-English Language U.S. Primetime Program: 21st Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards (USA)

5. Which Police station is adjudged has been ranked as the best police station in the country as part of the annual home ministry exercise to grade police stations based on parameters including handling of crime, infrastructure, and approachability of personnel \_\_\_\_\_ **Sadar Bazar police station, Delhi.**

**Note:**

- Gangapur PS in Ganjam district of Odisha was adjudged as the second best police station and Bhattu Kalan PS in Fatehabad, Haryana as the third best.

6. Which film has won the Golden Peacock Award at 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ringu Wandering.**

**Note:**

- For the first time: The BRICS film festival was hosted alongside IFFI, OTT platforms participated and 75 creative young minds of cinema were felicitated at IFFI.
- The Golden peacock award: Ringu Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)
- The best director: Vaclav Kadrnka for 'Saving One Who Was Dead'.
- Best actor male went to Jitendra Joshi (Godavari).
- Best actor female: Angela Molina (Paraguay)
- The Special Jury award: Renata Carvalho (Brazil)

7. Which film won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lingui, The Sacred Bonds.**

**Note:**

- Lingui was co-produced by Belgium France Germany and was made in Arabic and French.
- It reflects the story of the sacred relationship between a mother and daughter and their survival against the harsh laws set by men

**Sports News**

1. Which team has won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy title in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu.**

**Note:**

- Tamil Nadu became the most successful team as they won their 3rd title
  - Batsman Shahrukh Khan pulled off a stunning heist as he hit 33 runs of 15-ball, including a last-ball six when Tamil Nadu needed 5 runs in the last delivery of their 152-run chase.
  - 2021 was the 13th edition of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (Twenty20 competition of India)
2. Who has won 2021 ATP Finals title, after defeating World No.2 Daniil Medvedev of Russia \_\_\_\_\_ **Alexander Zverev**.
- Note:**
- This is Zverev's second Nitto ATP Finals title, after winning the first in 2018.
  - Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut of France clinched the men's double title by defeating Rajeev Ram of US and Joe Salisbury of UK.
3. Which of the following has bag the title sponsor of the Prime Volleyball League for three years which is scheduled to take place in early 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **RuPay**.
- Note:**
- The card payment network has acquired the title sponsorship rights of the sporting league for three years of the league, which is scheduled to take place in early 2022.
4. Who has been elected as the first woman president of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) \_\_\_\_\_ **Harshwanti Bisht**.
- Note:**
- She won 60 out of a total of 107 votes to get elected to the post IMF's President
  - She scaled Nanda Devi peak in 1981 for which she was honored with the Arjuna award.
  - IMF: It is an apex national body to organize and support, mountaineering and rock-climbing expeditions at high altitudes in Himalayas. It was founded in 1958.

### **Books and Authors**

1. Who is the author of the book titled '10 Flashpoints; 20 Years' \_\_\_\_\_ **Manish Tiwari**.
- Note:**
- The book is set to be released on December 2.
  - The excerpts of the book appear to suggest that Mr Tewari -- the official spokesperson of the Congress at the time who later he became the information and broadcasting minister -- was in favour of a tougher response by the UPA government to 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai.
2. Who has authored the book titled 'Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World' \_\_\_\_\_ **Ban Ki-moon**.
- Note:**
- The book has been published by HarperCollins India.
  - Ban has described how he became a man of peace from a child of war in his autobiography.
  - He also talks about his election to the top UN post in 2006, in which India's Shashi Tharoor was also a contender.
3. Who has authored the book titled 'Conversations: India's Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More', based on and around the Indian arts \_\_\_\_\_ **Brijinder Nath Goswamy**.
- Note:**
- It will be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) and will hit stands in 2022.
  - The book opens a window to a wide range of subjects: on and around the arts.
  - It not only invites those interested and literate in arts but also the general readers who want to take a dive into the field of the arts.

### **Science and Defence**

1. Four-days Mega military exercise 'Sagar Shakti' was conducted in which place \_\_\_\_\_ **Kutch peninsula**.
- Note:**
- During the exercise India's combat capability and readiness to confront any multidimensional security threat was elaborately tested.
  - The Sagar Shakti exercise, held from November 19 to 22, witnessed participation of the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, Border Security Force, Gujarat Police and the Marine Police.
2. The 15th edition of biennial trilateral exercise 'Dosti' was conducted by the coast guard forces of which three countries \_\_\_\_\_ **India, Sri Lanka and Maldives**.
- Note:**

- Indian Coast Guard vessels, ICGS Vajra and ICGS Apoorva, and Sri Lanka Coast Guard's SLCGS Suraksha participated in the exercise.
  - It was introduced in 1991 between Indian and Maldives coast guards. Sri Lanka joined the exercise in 2012 for the first time
3. Which institution has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to undertake research to analyze the effect of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) on commercial air travel in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian School of Business (ISB)**.
- Note:**
- This MoU marks the extension of the socio-economic impact study of UDAN scheme conducted by ISB pro-bono basis in 2020.
  - RCS was launched in 2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. It will be jointly funded by the central government and state governments.
4. What is the name that has been given to India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine that was successfully tested by spacetechn start-up Skyroot Aerospace \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhawan-1**.
- Note:**
- The engine runs on two high performance rocket propellants- Liquid Natural gas (LNG) & Liquid Oxygen (LoX). The test was conducted at Solar Industries India Ltd. in Nagpur.
  - The test demonstrates the propulsion technology in the upper stage of Skyroot's orbital vehicle, Vikram-2.
5. Which space agency has launched world's first Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission to change the path of an asteroid by intentionally crashing a spacecraft into it \_\_\_\_\_ **NASA**.
- Note:**
- The mission has a total worth of \$325 million and was launched into orbit from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
  - Aim: to crash a space probe into the asteroid so as to alter its speed and course so prevent it from hitting the Earth.
6. Name the fourth indigenously built Scorpene-class submarine of Project P-71 that was commissioned by Indian Navy recently \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Vela**.
- Note:**
- INS Vela has an indigenous set of batteries and an advanced communication suite of indigenous make.
  - INS Vela: It is the fourth in that series, following Kalvari, Khanderi and Karanj. This fourth warship is expected to further boost Indian capability to defend and secure its strategic sea lanes
7. Name the new docking module launched by the Russian rocket Soyuz that blasted off successfully to the International Space Station \_\_\_\_\_ **Prichal**.
- Note:**
- It carries the Progress cargo ship with the Prichal (Pier) docking module.
  - The new spherical module with six docking ports will allow potential future expansion of the Russian segment of the station.

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